REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire November 25, 2004.   In the present Amendment, Claims 1-15 are now pending.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

In the present Office Action, Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Chin, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,456,306 – "*Chin*"). After careful consideration of Examiner's remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-15, as now amended, are not rendered unpatentable in view of *Chin* and respectfully traverses Examiner's rejection in view of the arguments submitted herein.

Regarding exemplary Claim 1, *Chin* does not teach or suggest:

displaying a window associated with said multi-level tree structure, wherein said window has a plurality of fields each indicating a status of a respective one of said plurality of features, wherein said status of said respective one of said plurality of features is displayed within said plurality of fields occupying a same axis as said respective one of said plurality of textual identifications[.]

For example, with reference to **Figure 6** of *Chin*, the status corresponding to the device is only evident to the user when it is displayed in the various status panes 610, 620, 630, and 640.   Nothing in *Chin* teaches or suggests the display of a window including multiple fields where the status of the parent and child features is displayed within the multiple fields, which occupy the same axis (e.g., vertical, horizontal, etc.) as the textual identification of the features.

Applicant has entered three claims (Claims 16-18) that further describe the display of the graphical multi-level tree structure to further distinguish the present invention from *Chin*. Upon review of *Chin*, nothing in *Chin* teaches or suggests:

> *displaying, within a display, a graphical multi-level tree structure, including a plurality of textual identifications, each associated with a respective one of said plurality of features, wherein a first textual identification among said plurality of textual identifications identifies a parent feature and a second textual identification among said plurality of textual identifications identifies a child feature associated with said at least one parent feature, wherein said first and second textual identifications are concurrently displayed, and wherein a relative position between said first and second textual identification indicates a parent-child relationship between said child and said parent features[.]*
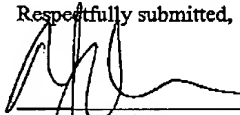
Referring to **Figures 3** and **6** and col. 9, lines 23-40 of *Chin*, *Chin* allows the user to navigate and view the status of network resources that are organized in a file system, which the Examiner considers a graphical multi-level tree structure. For example, with specific reference o **Figure 3**, the user may drag any one of the icons in resources pane **320** (e.g., hub, LANs, routers, etc.) to see an expanded listing and data of all resources that fall within the category characterized by the icons in resources pane **320**.

Nothing in *Chin* teaches or suggests a display of parent and child features, as defined by their relative positions. For example, with reference to **Figure 3**, the hub icon of resources pane **320** may be activated to access all the resources in contents pane **330**. However, the relative position of resources pane **320** and contents pane **330** in no way dictates display of parent and child features. Therefore, since the display of parent and child features, as defined by their relative positions, is not taught or suggested by the cited reference, *Chin* does not render Claims 16-18 unpatentable.

In light of the preceding arguments, Applicant believes that independent Claim 1, similar Claims 6 and 11, and all dependent claims are not anticipated by *Chen*.

Application respectfully request that Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

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